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RE: OPPOSITION TO PUBLISHED APPLICATION BY GARCIA-CAUREL ET AL.;
PUB. NO. US 2005/0105088; ✓
PUB. DATE: MAY 19, 2005;
SERIAL NO.: 10/507,280;
FILE DATE: MAR. 11, 2003.

Dear Sir;

Please find enclosed a check for \$180.00, a listing of References which we feel should be considered in Examination of the identified Published Application, accompanied by copies thereof.

PCT APPLICATION WO 99/66286 BY DREVILLON, PUBLISHED 23 DEC. 1999, (NOW US PATENT 6,917,675).

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Sincerely,

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